

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to cancel Claims 1 - 14 and add new Claims 15 - 28 as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 14 (Cancelled)

15. (New) A vacuum cleaner comprising a housing containing a housing part for receiving components of electrical appliances and a dust compartment which can be closed by a dust compartment cover that is pivotally mounted to the housing for movement between a closed position wherein the dust compartment is closed and an open position wherein the dust compartment is opened, said cover being provided with a socket for the electrical supply of additional appliances, said socket being connected to an electrical cable leading out of the housing part, wherein the housing is provided with a cable compartment for automatically inserting a section of the electrical cable during pivoting of the dust compartment cover from the open position to the closed position which closes the dust compartment.

16. (New) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 15, wherein the cable compartment has a substantially rectangular shape and extends substantially perpendicular with respect to a pivot axis of the dust compartment cover.

17. (New) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 16, wherein the cable compartment has a width between once and twice the width of the electrical cable.

18. (New) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 15, wherein the cable compartment is arranged in an appliance cap which at least partially covers the housing part.

19. (New) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 18, wherein the appliance cap has a hinge joint on which the dust compartment cover is hinged.

20. (New) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 18, wherein the cable compartment is disposed above a cable drum disposed in the housing part.

21. (New) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 15, wherein the cable compartment includes an opening and a cable compartment cover for closing the opening.

22. (New) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 21, wherein the cable compartment cover has locating means for securing the cable compartment cover on the cable compartment.

23. (New) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 21, wherein the cable compartment cover has a web which together with at least one opposing counter-web on the cable compartment forms a tension-relieving means for the electrical cable.

24. (New) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 21, wherein the cable compartment cover has a recess at one edge section which, in addition to an additional recess on the cable compartment, forms an inlet opening for the electrical cable.

25. (New) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 24, wherein at least one of the recess and the additional recess has a starting slope for the electrical cable.

26. (New) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 15, further comprising a rib being provided on the cable compartment and projecting into the cable compartment to deflect the electrical cable away from a wall of the cable compartment.

27. (New) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 26, wherein the rib is molded on an inner side of the wall of the cable compartment.

28. (New) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 26, wherein the rib is disposed in a central area at the bottom of the cable compartment and extends substantially vertically upwardly.